



Share the Road



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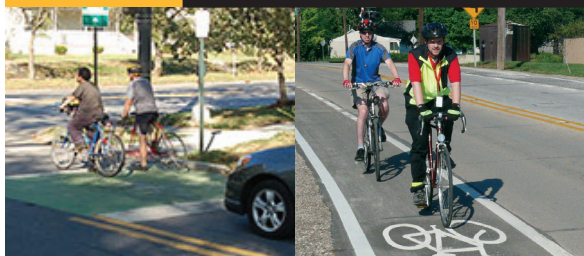
WHAT



Mayor Michael B. Coleman created Share the Road to make Columbus' roads safer for everyone – motorists and bicyclists. As part of the City's Bikeways Plan, it:

- Provides a long-term vision for the development of a citywide bicycle network consisting of off-street trails and on-street bike facilities, complemented by education and encouragement programs
- Promotes active, safe and healthy transportation choices
- Makes Columbus a more attractive and bikeable city for residents and visitors

HOW



The City is investing in more bike facilities to increase bicycle use and make bicycling safer. They include a wide range of improvements:

- Shared lane markings, also called sharrows, indicate that a lane on the road is for both cars and bicycles.
- Shoulder bikeways, also called paved shoulders, are road shoulders that are paved to make it easier for bicyclists to use.
- Bike lanes are a part of the road for bicycles only. Some bike lanes may have green pavement to make it easier for cars and bicyclists to see them.
- Buffered bike lanes are bike lanes with additional space between bicycles and cars.
- Shared-use paths are also called bike paths. There are two main types – a side path, close to the roadway, like on Dublin Road near W. Fifth Avenue; or a path in a park like setting or through woods like the Olentangy Greenway Trail.
- Bicycle boulevards are low-volume, low-speed streets optimized for bicycle travel using traffic calming and traffic reduction treatments, signs and pavement markings and intersection crossing treatments.
- Bike boxes are marked parts of road intersections showing that bicyclists can move to the front of the intersection and that cars need to yield to them.
- Signs to direct bicyclists along paths and roads.

Check out our Bike Facilities brochure for more information.

WHO



Mayor Michael B. Coleman created Share the Road. The City of Columbus Department of Public Service administers the program; partners include the Ohio Department of Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and others.

Additionally, Mayor Coleman appointed a Share the Road Organizing Committee made up of citizens representing diverse interests, including neighborhoods, organizations, businesses, cycling groups, public agencies and others, to guide and inform the team working on the project.

WHERE

There are new bike facilities and roadway treatments all over the City. The Share the Road campaign will be on the air and around town in mid-late 2013.

Photo locations (top-bottom, L-R): Statehouse, Milton Avenue, Milton Avenue, Harper Road, North High Street, Rich Street Bridge (Photo credit: Consider Biking)

Share the Road — Safely

Under Ohio law* and Columbus City Code, bicycles belong on the roadway. So, motorists and bicyclists **must** share the road safely. Bicyclists, like motorists, must obey all relevant traffic laws.

Tips for Bicyclists

- **Obey all traffic laws**, including stopping for red lights and stop signs.
- **Ride with traffic**, and pass with care, allowing at least three feet between you and motorists.
- Try to make **eye contact** with motorists in your path.
- Keep **your eyes and mind on the road**.
- **Wear a properly fitting helmet**, even on the shortest of rides.
- **Ride in the street**. Under Columbus City Code, only young children are permitted to ride on sidewalks.
- **Keep your bike in working order**, especially your brakes and chain.
- **Ride predictably**. Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
- **Ride respectfully**, single file or no more than two abreast.
- **Ride outside the “door zone”** of parked cars, even if there is a bike lane or traffic trying to pass you.
- **Ride far enough from the curb** to avoid potholes, debris and storm grates.
- **Be visible**. Wear bright clothing.
- **Use a bicycle headlight and taillight at night**, required under Columbus City Code, as well as in rainy or other inclement weather.



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Remember, call the City of Columbus Police Dispatch at **614-645-4545** if you see an immediate issue, violation or accident. You can call 24/7/365.



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Tips for Motorists

- **By law, bicyclists belong on the road and have the right to a full lane, just like motorists.**
- **Pay attention.** Expect bikes and motorcycles on the road, and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- **Pass with care.** Allow at least three feet between you and bicyclists.
- **Wait** until it's safe **to pass** bicyclists.
- Try to **make eye contact** with bicyclists in your path.
- When making left turns, **yield to oncoming bikes.**
- Before making right turns, **check for approaching bicycles** on your right.
- **Use your mirrors!** Look for approaching bicyclists before opening your car doors.
- **Watch for and yield to bicyclists** when pulling out of a driveway.



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We want to hear from you!

Please send comments and suggestions to:
311@columbus.gov, call **614-645-3111** or **311**.
Learn more at **ShareTheRoad.columbus.gov**.



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